process, the UK shall provide the HCI the particulars available with them. The GoI after satisfying that the person is an Indian national, will authorize the HCI to issue a travel document.

(4) The UK shall meet the full cost of travel of each returnee to his place of origin in India.

(5) The MoU shall be in force upto 29.01.2005.

Additional grant to naxal hit States for road construction

2111. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to float a plan for providing additional grant to naxal hit States for road construction to contain insurgency in the country; and

(b) the existing grants allocated to the backward districts affected by Naxalism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development has made a special allocation of Rs. 37.50 crores per annum for construction of rural/district roads in the critical clusters in the naxal affected areas under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

(b) 55 naxal affected districts have been included under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (Backward Districts Initiative) of the Planning Commission under which a grant of Rs. 15 crores is given per district per year for 3 years (starting from 2003-04) to fill in the critical gaps in physical and social infrastructure including construction of roads in naxal affected areas.

Canteen facility for ex-servicemen of Assam Rifles

†2112. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ex-servicemen of Assam Rifles are demanding the facility of canteen on the lines of ex-servicemen of armed services;

(b) if so, whether serving soldiers in Assam Rifles are provided rum etc. as provided to the soldiers in armed services; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the justification for not providing such facility to them after retirement and by when the facility of rum etc. could be given to them on the lines of ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Serving Assam rifles personnel, being Para-Military Force, are authorized to avail Canteen Stores Department (CSD) as they are under the operational control of the Army. However, retired Assam Rifles personnel are not entitled to the facilities, as is the case with the personnel of other Central Police Force (CPFs) in general.

A proposal to extend the CSD facility to the CPFs personnel including serving and retired Assam Rifles personnel was duly considered in consultation with Ministry of Defence but it could not be extended due to limited resource and infrastructure of the CSD. However, some Para Military Forces have made arrangements to provide similar facilities to their personnel at unit level. Some forces also allow their retired personnel to avail such facilities.

Annual leave to CRPF Jawans

2113. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CRPF jawans are allowed two months annual leave and 15 days casual leave every year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that commanders in the CRPF frequently deny jawans this leave;

(c) whether Government propose to create sufficient buffer reserves of personnel to avoid the situation when leave is denied and to avoid frustration amongst jawans who do not get leave every year; and

(d) what other steps are proposed to ensure that the CRPF follows a policy of giving leave as stipulated without creating disappointments amongst the jawans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Jawans posted in Group Centres/ Battalions/Static offices other than Directorate/Sector/Range Hqrs. are entitled to 60 days' earned leave and 15 days' casual leave in a calender year, whereas those posted at Directorate/Sector/Range Hqrs.are entitled to 30 days earned leave and 8 days casual leave in a calender year.